Fencers' Club Scores Well-Earned Victory.

PRESIDENT A SPECTATOR

Middies Succumb to Stiff Rally in Last

President Roosevelt and General Wood yesterday afternoon saw the team of the Washington Fencers' Club, which includes in its membership the notables of the Capital's diplomatic and social life, cross foils with the fencing team from the United States Naval Academy.

The Middles were defeated by virtue o a stiff rally in the eighth and ninth bouts by Mr. Dayrell Crackanthorpe, Third Secretary of the British Embassy, and Mr. J. J. Earley, who, with Mr. Julian May Wright, made up the trio of swordsmen for the Fencers' Club.

The Naval Academy team was compose of first classmen Cadets Rowellff, Lannon, and Whitten. It was their first appearance in public, and the showing made against the veterans was deemed excellent. They will contest in the intercollegiate match at New York next Satur-

There were nine bouts, each of five minutes duration; each one hard fought. The final score was 39 to 32 in favor of the Fencers' Club team.

Rare Sporting Event.

Socially it was one of the most brilliant sporting events Washington has seen for some time. President Roosevelt was a little late in arriving. Accompanied by General Wood he took a seat in the fencing arena beside Count Cassini, the president of the club. Chairs were placed in the arena for a number of other notables, including General Miles, who stood at the opposite end of the hall from the President.

The Vicomte Faromone de Lafajole acted as maitre de combat. Victor Meindeloff and Lieut. H. J. Ziegemein officiated as judges for the Fencers' Club and Cadets, respectively, and Mr. John Harbert Corning served as timekeeper.

The first bout brought together Mr. Crackanthorpe and Cadet Roweliff. The former is rated one of the best foils in Washington and the affray was exciting from the beginning, but ended in a tie—3 to 3.

Mr. J. J. Earley and Cadet Whitten made a fast go of the second bout, the former gaining a decisive advantage by a tally of 5 to 3. Mr. Wright and Cadet Lannon proved themselves adopts at declarate and challed up another tied to the members of the committee.

The members of the general committee were talked over and will be submitted at the meeting in April.

Members of Committee.

three bouts and seemed pleased with the showing of the middles, although they were evidently a bit nervous at the thought that the eyes of the Commander.

Thomas W. Smith, Mr. Charles J. Bell, Mr. in-Chief of the Army and Navy were

Mr. Crackanthorpe Worsted.

In the second series of bouts Mr. Crackanthorpe was worsted by Cadet Whitten by a score of 4 to 2-the naval cadet showing excellent form on attack, in which he was somewhat aided by superior weight and strength.

and then Mr. Earley won a victory from Connecticut, George B. McLean; Dela-Cadet Lannon, Wright and Whitten were | ware, John Hunn; Florida, W. S. Jenthe melee was fierce, the result was a W. Hunt; Illinois, Richard Yates; Indiana. draw. The naval cadets were one point in the lead, with a total score of 25 to 24.

Mr. Crackanthorpe's splendid work against Cadet Lannon made good his claim as an expert blade, for he defeated the sailor by a score of 5 to 3, and put the sailor by a Score of 5 to 3, and put the sa the lead, with a total score of 25 to 24. Fenders' Club one point in the lead.

Mr. Earley, who is especially strong on

attack and one of the headlest swords-men in Washington, was pitted in the final bout against Cadet Rowcliff, whom he easily touched ten times. Rowcliff landed his button only four times. Final score-Fencer's Club, 39: Naval

The closing rally by Mr. Crackauthorpe and Mr. Earley prompted all kinds of applause. Mr. Crackauthorpe had been visibly nervous in his first and second bouts. He holds his foll very lightly—a good point in his rapid work, but which proved disastrous under the vigorous forearm of Cadet Roweliff. In consequence he lost his

Mr. Earley Fences Well.

Mr. Earley probably made the best showing of anyone on the floor. He is a very cool and heady swordsman, who never fails to force the contest at advantageous points. His swift work was evident in the concluding bout, when he landed his button at least four times clear of his opponent's foil. Mr. Wright is excellent on attack, his unusually long reach giving him a substantial advantage.

Of the Naval Cadet team, Cadet Whitten showed excellent form, especially in his bout with Mr. Crackanthorpe. He had a slight advantage in weight and strength Cadet Lannon fenced very well and Cadet Roweliff's work was good except in the final bout with Mr. Earley, when he met somewhat more than his match.

The cadets were accompanied by Lieutenaut Ziegemein and A. J. Corbesier. The latter has been swordmaster at the Naval Academy for thirty-five years and has brought out a team of first-class blades annually. He seemed well satisfied with their showing.

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Incidentally, the members of the Fencers' Club were elatted at the thought that they had broken even with the Ca-dets at last. The same team that repre-sented the club yesterday competed with Annapolis last year and was defeated.

Score of Match.

The score of the match by bouts is as

follows:			
Naval	Academy.	- 1	Fencers' Club.
Roweliff	*********	3	Crackanthorne
Whitten	*********	- 3	Engley-
Lannon		- 4	Wright
Whitten	*********	4	Crackanthorpe
Rowcliff	*********	3	Wright
Lannon		6	Earley
Whitten	********	2	Wright
Lannon		13	Crackanthorpe
Roweliff		4	Earley
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Following are the individual scores: Crackanthorpe, 10; Earley, 19; Wright, 10; Rowellff, 10; Whitten, 9; Lannon, 12. More than a hundred ladles were pres-ent with their escorts. At the conclusion of the match Mrs. Henry May, wife of Col. Henry May, vice president of the Col. Henry May, vice president of the club, and Mrs. Carrie May Wright enter-tained the members and their guests at

Among those present were: Count Cassini and the Countess Marguerite Cas-sini, Herr von Holleben, the German Am-bassador; M. Jules Cambon, the French Ambansador; M. de Margerie, the Coun-sellor of the French Embassy, and Mme-Margerie; Baron Moncheur; Signor

Planches, the Italian Ambassador, and Signora Planches, Miss Audrey Paunce-fote; M. Regetventsky, of the Russian Embassy; Mr. Leger, the Haitlen Minisfote: M. Regetventsky, of the Russian Emplassy, Mr. Leger, the Hattlen Minis-ter, and Mrs. Leger; Mrs. Crackanthorpe, Mrs. Henry May, Mrs. Carrie May Wright. Senator Depew, Gen. and Mrs. Nelson A. Miles, Mrs. Leiter, Mme. Mau-ro, Mrs. Townsend, Miss Boardman, the Persian Minister Mrs. Stilson Hutchins. Fo, Mrs. Townsend, Miss Boardman, the Persian Minister, Mrs. Stilson Hutchins, Jean F. P. des Garrennes. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Padelford, Commander and Mrs. Cowles, Count Quadt, Baron Kap-herr, Mrs. Corbin. Mrs. John M. Davis, Mr. E. E. Droep, Mr. Reginald de Koven, Mr. and Mrs. Bayard Cutting, Mr. Ayguesparsse, Baron Aliotte.

A TREATY WITH HAITI.

Compact of Naturalization Signed at State Department.

A treaty of naturalization between the United States and Haiti was signed at the State Department yesterday by Secretary Hay and Mr. Leger, the Haitien

linister. Haiti has never recognized that her citizens had a right to expatriate them-selves by becoming citizens of the United States. Under the treaty that right is The treaty will be sent to the Senate for ratification.

DISCUSS PLAN TO CHANGE DATE OF INAUGURAL

Informal Conference of National Committee Held.

Meeting to Effect Organization Set for April 6-Favorable Replies From Many Governors.

An informal conference of the local members of the national committee, appointed by the District Commissioners, on the proposed change in the date of the inauguration of the President of the United States, was held yesterday in the office of Commissioner Macfarland. The meeting was called for the purpose of discussing and preparing for a meeting of the entire committee at an early day. It was decided that the District Com-

missioners should formally call a meeting of the committee on Monday, April 6, at which time an organization would be effected. The plans for the calling together of the general committee were talked

Lannon proved themselves adepts at defence and chalked up another tie—4 to 4.

At the conclusion of this bout President
Roosevelt arose, shook hands with Count
Cassini, thanked him for the pleasant
sport he had enjoyed, and departed, accompanied by General Wood.

He had been a critical observer of the
three bouts and segment wood. Glover, Mr. Theodore W. Noyes, General John Joy Edson and Mr. James L. Norris, the three latter being the surviving chairmen of inaugural committees.

The other members of the committee are the Governors of States and Territories, forty-one of whom have accepted and the others are expected to do so soon. Forty Governors in Line.

They are as follows: Arizona, N. O. Mr. Wright beat Cadet Roweliff, 4 to 3. Murphy; Colorado, James B. Orman; the next pair on the floor, and although nings; Georgia, A. D. Candler: Idaho, F. W. T. Durbin; Iowa, Albert B. Cummins; Kansas, W. E. Stanley; Louisiana, W. W. S. R. van Sant; Mississippi, A. H. Longi-ne; Missouri, A. M. Dockery; Montana, J. K. Toole; Nebraska, Erra P. Savage; Ne-vada, Reinhold Sadier; New Hampshire, Chester B. Jordan; New Jersey, Franklin Murphy; New Mexico, Mignel A. Otero; New York, Benjamin B. Odell, Jr.; North Carolina, Charles B. Aycock; North Dakota, Frank White; Ohio, George K. Nash Oregon, T. T. Geer: Pennsylvania, Wil-liam A. Stone; Ehode Island, Charles Dean Kimball; South Carolina, M. B. Dean Kimball: South Carolina, M. B. McSweeney; South Dakota, Charles N. Heriod: Utah, Heber M. Wella; Vermont, William W. Stickney; Virginia, A. J. Montague; Washington, Henry McBride; West Virginia, Albert B. White; Wisconsin, Hobert M. LaFollette; Porto Rico, Wilters H. Unit. liam H. Hunt.

All these Governors have written the

Commissioners strongly approving the proposition to change the date of inaugu-ration day and stating that they are rendy to do what they can to promote the move

MARRIED IN TRENTON.

Mr. Robert A. Irwin and Miss Florence Kraak Elope From This City.

Miss Florence Krank, of 411 New Jersey venue southeast, and Mr. Robert A. Irwin, of New York, were married in Trenton, N. J., yesterday afternoon. They sloped from this city Friday afternoon and left on the pretence that they were

going to visit New York City. They stopped at Trenton and were married. The first news the parents received of the marriage was over long-distance tele-phone last night. They were notified of the wedding and were told that a dinner had been served to the bride and groom and a number of their friends at the Em-pire Hotel in New York.

Miss Krana recently made her debut nto society and was considered quite a selle. She is about twenty-two years old, and is strikingly handsome. Mr. Irwin is a staff correspondent of the Town Topics" weekly, and is very popu-

NARROWLY ESCAPED DEATH.

Patrick Sullivan, a Tinner, Falls From Roof of a Parsonage.

The condition of Patrick Sullivan, a tinner, who slipped and fell from the roof of the parsonage of St. Aloysius Church yesterday afternoon, was much improved

st night. Mr. Sullivan struck heavily upon hi head, and his face was badly tut and bruised. It was at first feared that his skull had been fractured, but the phy-sicians at Providence Hospital state that no fracture is apparent.

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M." to the Meteor III. The Bureau of Navigation has assigned he signal "K. R. N. M." to Kalser Wilelm's new yacht, Meteor III. quently met in cruises in European waters. Notice of this action will be sent to the Emperor, through the Secretary

GUNS FOR THE ARMY.

Models Under Manufacture at Watervleit Arsenal.

Among some of the new model guns un er manufacture at Watervilet Arsenal are eleven 12-inch breech loading rifles. They are of 40 calibre, being an increase of 5 calibres over the model of 1895. Forty 6-inch rapid firing guns are also being manufactured. These guns are of 50 cali-bre, being an increase over the model of 1897 of 5 calibres. They are intended for pillar mounts, are without trunions, and recoil in cradles.

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BREVET FOR MAJOR STRONG.

To Rank as Lieutenant Colonel for Bravery in Philippines.

Among those designated for brevet by the President in the record list is Major Putnam Bradlee Strong. The brevet rank of lieutenant colonel is conferred upon him for distinguished gallantry in action at Guiguinto, Luzon. Major Strong resigned his commission when he left San Francisco last fall, in company with Lady Francis Hope, formerly May Yohe, an

actress.

It is announced in the press that the latter's husband has obtained a divorce in the English courts. It is also stated that she and Major Strong are living to-gether in Japan.

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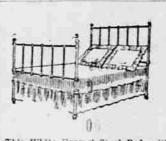


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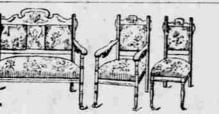
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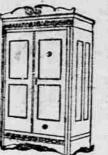
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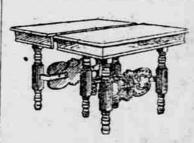
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